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7th March 2021

3rd Sunday of Lent

Primary School: St Mary & St Joseph, Maxwell Road, Pocklington, YO42 2JN
tel: 01759 303287.

Secondary School: All Saints, Mill Mount, York. Tel: 01904 647877.

Hospitals: If you go into hospital and would like a priest to visit some useful numbers are: York Hospitals 07748108253 or 01904 725579, Hull Royal Infirmary 01482 329100 and Castle Hill 01482 847763.

Masses this week

Saturday 6th March

7.00pm

Sunday 7th March

9.30am

Tuesday 9th March

6.30pm of Lent

Thursday 11th March

6.30pm of Lent

Sat 13th March 7pm

Sun 14th March 9.30am

4th Sunday of Lent



Mass Intentions received:

Don Hardisty RIP,
Stephen Doherty RIP.

Confessions: Anytime by appointment – a good time would be before or after any Mass.

Lent Resources. Many are available on the internet eg :-

godwhospeaks.uk/lent-at-home/personal-devotions and

Word on Fire Engage To encourage oneself and others to become more enthusiastic about the Catholic Christian Faith log in to :-

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/149023820594552838>

Schools Return We pray for all our children and their families and teachers as Schools return this Monday.

Year of St Joseph Our Holy Father Pope Francis has dedicated this year to the care and intercession of St Joseph, Guardian of the Holy Family and Patron of the Universal Church. At the end of Mass, please pick up a holy picture together with a special prayer composed by Pope Francis for this year. Bishop Terence writes, “*St Joseph looked after and guarded the Holy Family of Jesus and Mary, quietly looking over them and protecting them. I have absolutely no doubt that he will look after and protect each one of us and all our families throughout the world. All we have to do is ask his intercession. That is exactly what I am suggesting each one of us does in the run up to his feast (March 19th). Ask him to pray on our behalf so that we can face the future with greater confidence and trust.*”

See Diocese of Middlesbrough website.

New Parish Offertory Envelopes commencing on 10th April 2021 are now available in the Church Porch. If anyone would like to do any of the following as given below, please contact me -

1. Commence using envelopes instead of loose plate.
2. Complete a Bank Standing Order.
3. Transfer from Envelopes to Bank Standing Order.
4. Make a Gift Aid Declaration, if you pay tax.
5. Amend your name and address.

Many thanks to all who transferred to a standing order last year and also to those who signed a gift aid declaration. Using Parish Envelopes or a Bank Standing Order and making a Gift Aid Declaration boosts your offertory contributions by 25% and helps the parish in these difficult times.

Many thanks to all those who contribute to the Parish so generously.

The Parish Offertory Income from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020 fell from £29,621 to £23,275 ie 21 per cent. The Covid has understandably kept many Parishioners away from Church, but if any Parishioners haven't given their usual financial support to the Parish in the last year please could they consider, if they are able, trying to make up for some of it this year and possibly sending in a cheque! – Many thanks.



'We've moved a few things around. Travel books are in the Fantasy section, Politics is in Sci-Fi, and Epidemiology is in Self-Help. Good luck.'

With prayers and best wishes, Fr James